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SUBJECT: MUNICH CSU CHIEF DISAPPROVES KREUTH DECISION, CALLS
FOR CDU/CSU UNITY

1. IN CHRISTMAS LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF CSU'S MUNICH DISTRICT,
ERICH KIESL, THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN STATES THAT HE IS "UNABLE
TO APPROVE" KREUTH DECISION.

2. KIESL DECLARES THAT MUNICH CSU WILL DO EVERYTHING TO PRE-
SERVE JOINT EFFECTIVENESS OF CDU AND CSU. "I HOPE," SAYS KIESL,
"WITH ALL OF YOU THAT THE EMOTIONALLY BALANCED FORCES IN BOTH
PARTIES WILL BE ABLE TO PREVENT FRATERNAL STRIFE."

3. KIESL CRITICIZES MANNER IN WHICH KREUTH DECISION WAS TAKEN
AND STATES THAT DECISION COULD ONLY SERVE A PURPOSE IF FOLLOWED
BY FOUNDATION OF FOURTH PARTY. OTHERWISE, SEPARATION OF CDU
AND CSU "FRAKTIONS" REDUCES POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTIVE MUTUAL
CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

4. IN CONTRAST TO STRAUSS, KIESL CLAIMS THAT CSU BUNDESTAG
DEPUTIES WOULD HAVE MORE CLOUT IN A JOINT CDU/CSU "FRAKTION."
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5. COMMENT: KIESL LETTER SUGGESTS THERE IS SERIOUS UNREST
IN MUNICH CSU. PURPOSE OF LETTER MAY BE TO PREVENT CENTRIFUGAL
FORCES SET IN MOTION BY KREUTH DECISION FROM SPLITTING MUNICH
CSU WIDE OPEN.

5. KIESL IS CAUGHT BETWEEN CONFLICTING DEMANDS: TO MAINTAIN
HIS PERSONAL POWER BASE, HE MUST CHART COURSE WHICH PRESERVES
UNITY OF MUNICH CSU; SO LONG AS STRAUSS IS CSU CHAIRMAN,
KIESL MUST RETAIN STRAUSS' SUPPORT IF HE WISHES TO ATTAIN
PERSONAL AMBITION OF BECOMING VAVARIAN MIN-INTERIOR; IF KIESL
LEAVES STRAUSS CAMP TO JOIN A CDU MOVEMENT IN BAVARIA,
HE WILL SPLIT MUNICH CSU AND RETAIN CONTROL OF ONLY ONE PART
OF IT.

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